

**MINUTES OF AN SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE KOUGA MUNICIPALITY HELD AT
THE KOUGA COUNCIL CHAMBER (JEFFREYS BAY UNIT) ON
THURSDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2018 AT 10:00**

PRESENT: Councillors

H Hendricks	(Speaker)
EC van Lingen	(Executive Mayor)
H Bornman	
B Williams	
F Baxter	
FJ Campher	
BF Rheeder	(Alderman)
DM Nkomo	
L Vorster	
FJ Louw	
B Carstens	
NS Botha	
B Dhludhlu	
WPD Gertenbach	
W Coenraad	
M Dayimani	
VA Camealio-Benjamin	
TN Meleni	
P Nkwalase	
ER Februarie	
S Jujwana	
M Peters	
C Mandeka	
C Matroos	
VS Vumazonke	
Z Mayoni	
A Mabukane	

**Officials &
Municipal Manager**

C du Plessis	(Municipal Manager)
S Thys	(CFO)
K Moodley	(Director: AME&SP)
C Dreyer	(Manager: IDP)
D de Jager	(Manager: HR)
M Jantjies	(Committee Clerk)
B Klopper	(Committee Services)

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The Speaker requested the Municipal Manager, to read the notice of the meeting.



2. **OPENING AND WELCOME**

The Speaker welcomed everybody to the meeting and requested Councillor Cllr F Campher to open the proceedings with a prayer.

3. **ABSENT WITH / WITHOUT APPROVAL**

Cllr D Biggs	-	With approval
Cllr D Benson	-	With approval

4. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, CONDOLENCES & CONGRATULATIONS**

None

5. **STATEMENTS OR COMMUNICATIONS BY THE SPEAKER**

None

6. **STATEMENTS OR COMMUNICATIONS BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR**

The Executive Mayor took the opportunity to remind all councillors of the Equitable Shares drive that commences next week. The programme will begin in Humansdorp on 5 February; then move to Hankey and Patensie in March. In April residents of Loerie, Thornhill and St Francis will have the opportunity to register. The programme will conclude at Oyster Bay and Jeffreys Bay in May and June.

The full schedule and requirements are available from the Income section. Notices have been distributed to inform residents, but it is important that councillors also play their part and raise awareness amongst their communities of the drive. Residents who receive EQS need to re-register to continue receiving free basic services and would like to encourage new applications.

A delegation from Germany arrives in Kouga on 5 February 2018 and will be guests for the ensuing week. The delegation is from Ilsfeld Municipality, with whom the Kouga Delegation had established a climate change partnership.

The purpose of the visit was to cement the partnership, which will enable Kouga to access international expertise and possibly even funding to mitigate the impact of the climate change in Kouga region. One such impact which was highlighted in October last year when Kouga visited Germany, is the current drought, one of the worst our region has experienced in decades.

The water situation in Hankey and Patensie, in particular, has become a matter of national interest. Day Zero for these towns, which depend 100% on the Kouga Dam for water, is fast approaching.

The initial estimate for Day Zero - the day the Kouga Dam dries up - was 11 March, but there has been a slight rise in the dam level this past week.

While this buys us a little more time, we cannot afford to sit back.



We have a costed emergency action plan specifically for Hankey and Patensie, and have been meeting with roleplayers, including the Gamtoos Irrigation Board and Department of Water and Sanitation, about the implementation and funding of those drought relief measures deemed most viable.

The good news is that Patensie isn't in immediate danger. Kouga has been assured by the Irrigation Board that their balancing dam in Patensie has sufficient capacity to supply the town with water for several months, even if the Kouga Dam dries up.

Of greater concern is Hankey, where our first exploratory borehole - drilled to a depth of 225m - delivered no yield. The challenge is that the geology of Hankey and Patensie is not conducive to groundwater retention, however, we were able to identify a few potential target sites and will continue exploring this option. In the short term the most viable solution for Hankey is the Klein River. In order to ensure the water quality is up to standard, we plan on bringing in a reverse osmosis plant.

Rainwater harvesting also needs to be encouraged among our communities, business and other state departments. We will be setting the tone by installing rainwater tanks at municipal buildings.

All the studies done this past year indicate that, in the long run, the development of a desalination plant at Jeffreys Bay is the most sustainable solution to meet all of Kouga's water requirements in the medium to long term.

If we can supply our coastal towns with desalinated water, their allocations from the supply dam can be used to augment the supply to Hankey and Patensie.

Sourcing funding for a plant is, therefore, a priority for us. It will cost about R323-million to construct a 15Ml plant which will secure Kouga's medium-term water requirements.

In order to raise awareness among our communities, we have been having public meetings in those areas worst affected. We were in Patensie on 30 January 2018, in Hankey on 31 January 2018 and will be in Weston on 1 February 2018. These meetings are also an opportunity for residents to put ideas on the table, as the drought is a challenge that can only be overcome if all communities are a united front. Meetings will also be held at Loerie on 13 February and Thornhill on 14 February, although these towns are not in immediate danger.

In closing, the Executive Mayor thanked everyone who supported and attended Sunday's prayer day at the Kouga Dam. There was a good turn-out, with about 2 000 people from all walks of life joining in prayer for rain in our catchment areas.

If we continue working and praying together in that same spirit, the Executive Mayor was confident that we will be able to navigate our way safely through this difficult time.



7. **REPORT BACK: SARAH BAARTMAN DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY REPRESENTATIVES**

None

8. **REPORT BACK: INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS FORUM (IGR)**

None

9. **REPORT BACK: MUNIMEC**

None

11. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS**

11.1 Minutes of an Ordinary Council Meeting held on 8 December 2017 be confirmed and accepted.

11.2 Minutes of a Special Council Meeting held on 19 December 2017 be confirmed and accepted.

12. **MATTERS DEALT WITH IN TERMS OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR**

(The reports by the Executive Mayor, in terms of the provisions of Section 63 of the Local Government Municipal Systems Act, 32 of 2000, on matters dealt with by the Executive Mayor in terms of delegated authority as detailed in the Minutes to be noted).

12.1 Minutes of a Mayoral Committee meeting held on 22 November 2017 be confirmed and accepted.

13. **MINUTES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL**

13.1 **MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE MINUTES**

None

13.2 **KOUGA AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

None

14. **REPORTS BY THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER**

18/02/MM1 **COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2017 (MAYORAL & COUNCIL)**

Resolved: (1 February 2018)

- i) That the updated Actions Sheets reflecting resolutions of the Council/Mayoral Committee meetings for November & December 2017 be noted.



15. REPORTS BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

15.1 CORPORATE SERVICES

The Speaker requested the Municipal Manager to confirm that the tabled report, as far as his knowledge, was accurate and truthful – on which the Municipal Manager replied that he accepted it as true reflections of the reports being tabled to the Council.

18/02/CORP1

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS – JANUARY 2018 TO JUNE 2018

Resolved: (1 February 2018)

- i) That the Schedule of Meetings for the period of January 2018 to June 2018, as reflected below, be approved.

MEETING	DATE
COUNCIL	25 January 2018 28 February 2018 29 March 2018 26 April 2018 31 May 2018 28 June 2018
MAYORAL COMMITTEE	20 February 2018 20 March 2018 17 April 2018 22 May 2018 19 June 2018
FINANCE PORTFOLIO	6 March 2018 3 April 2018 8 May 2018 5 June 2018
CORPORATE SERVICES	6 March 2018 3 April 2018 8 May 2018 5 June 2018
INFRASTRUCTURE & ENGINEERING	7 March 2018 4 April 2018 9 May 2018 6 June 2018
PLANNING DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM	7 March 2018 4 April 2018 9 May 2018 6 June 2018
COMMUNITY SERVICES	8 March 2018 5 April 2018 10 May 2018 7 June 2018
MPAC	9 February 2018 15 February 2018



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KOUGA AUDIT COMMITTEE	22 March 2018 27 June 2018

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CONDONATION OF CELL PHONE CONTRACTS FOR COUNCILLORS

Resolved: (1 February 2018)

- i) That the current cell phone contracts of the Councillors remain in the name of the Municipality and continued to be paid from the Cell phone allowances of the Councillors.
- ii) That no new contracts will be taken out for the current or new Councillors.
- iii) That Council condone the continuation of these contracts until the contracts terminate at the end of its term.



15.2 **INFRASTRUCTURE & ENGINEERING**

The Speaker requested the Municipal Manager to confirm that the tabled report, as far as his knowledge, was accurate and truthful – on which the Municipal Manager replied that he accepted it as true reflections of the reports being tabled to the Council.

18/02/I&E1 **RE-NEW DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER IN THE KOUGA MUNICIPAL AREA DUE TO PREVAILING DROUGHT CONDITIONS**

Resolved: (1 February 2018)

- i) That Council, in terms of Section 55(1) of the Disaster Management Act No57 of 2002, renew the declaration of a local state of disaster.
- ii) That Administration arranges for the gazetting of said declaration in the provincial gazette.
- iii) That the Sarah Baartman District Municipality be informed accordingly.
- iv) That a schedule of Council resources, personnel and funds be allocated for the implementation of water conservation and demand management initiatives, to reduce water usage.
- v) That application be made to provincial and national government for additional funds to assist Kouga Municipality with the implementation of emergency measures.

The meeting closed at 12:15 for "In Committee" discussions.


H HENDRICKS
SPEAKER

28 February 2018

DATE